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1. THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEA AND CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THAILAND. WORKING LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEA OFFICIALS AND OUR CUSTOMS PASA TEAM APPEAR TO BE GOOD, ALTHOUGH THE TWO SERVICES DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE ON BROADER QUESTIONS OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENTS. WITH REGARD TO TRAINING IN PARTICULAR, THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF COOPERATION AT THE WORKING LEVEL BETWEEN DEA AND CUSTOMS. FOR EXAMPLE, DEA INCLUDED THREE THAI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WITH THE NINE TNPd OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED THE DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON LAST FALL. CUSTOMS HAS ALSO INCLUDED TNPd OFFICIALS IN A NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING COURSE IN THE U.S. WE NOTE THAT, DURING THE YEARLY U.S. CUSTOMS-TRAINING COURSE PRESENTED IN THAILAND, DEA AGENTS FROM THE BANGKOK OFFICE HAVE HELPED WITH THE INSTRUCTION ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

2. THERE IS A THIRD PART TO OUR TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND, AID'S NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT SUB-PROJECT (DESCRIBED IN REF. B). THIS PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO
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IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF THE THAI POLICE TO CONDUCT

THEIR OWN NARCOTICS TRAINING AND IS DISTINCT FROM THE
U.S. CUSTOMS AND EA PROGRAMS. SINCE THE FUNCTIONS
OF THE PROGRAMS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT, THERE IS LITTLE
COORDINATION REQUIRED.

3. IF ANY PROBLEMS DO ARISE WITH REGARD TO TRAINING,
OR FOR THAT MATTER WITH ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE NARCOTICS
PROGRAM, COORDINATION IS HANDLED EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH
THE MISSION NARCOTICS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE DCM.
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